

THE FOLLOWING LEADERS WERE ELECTED FOR 2017

<u>SESSION</u>	<u>DEACONS</u>	<u>TRUSTEES</u>
Nicole Graco	Marge Cain	Bob Anderson
Steve Heere	Mark Dudgeon	Floyd Dierker
Nancy Kriek	Ron Park	Janell Haygood
Jeff Mulkern	Robyn Smith	Robert Hughes
Patty Robinson		Matt Kolodziej
Jim Saraceno		
<u>NOMINATING COMMITTEE</u>		
Bethann Dolan	Joanne Pearson	Charline Tomer

ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

Moderator – Dr. Dirk M. Lesnett
Clerk of Session – Mr. Mark Riethmuller

2016	2017	2018
Bethann Dolan	Mark Feris	Wendy Boody
Steve Heere	Amy Meyer	Kristin Coco
Nancy Kriek	Dwight Pearson	Mark Connelly
Bob Lindeman	Kyle Pinta	John Hart
Patty Robinson	Ann Ritter	Bob Siar
Becky Winek	Bob Wegner	Kelly Simile

DEACONS

President – Mr. Ron Park
Secretary – Mrs. Robyn Smith

2016	2017	2018
Linda Barto	Jenny Dayton	Sue Anderson
Pat Graham	Linda Kaiser	Bev Feris
Ron Park	Beth Meyer	Bev Friedline
Robyn Smith	Patti Zahnhausen	Dick Friedline
		Dorothy Thompson
		Penny Young

TRUSTEES

President – Mr. Bob Anderson
Secretary – Mr. Jim Giel

2016	2017	2018
Bob Anderson	Len Colaizzi	Doug Boody
Janell Haygood	Mike Gaydos	Dorothy Winter
Pam McKern	Jim Giel	Steve Coco
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FINANCIAL GIVING 2016

Year-end giving is always important in our financial life. If you are able to satisfy your pledge or give beyond that amount it will greatly benefit our fiscal picture and ability to continue to do effective ministry in the name of Christ now and in the years to come. **THANK YOU** for your faithfulness in financial stewardship. You have made a difference in the lives of children and families, locally and around the world. You have provided a place of worship for hundreds of new people. You are providing meals to our local seniors each and every day. You are being the light of Christ through Elfinwild Church!

Elfinwild Presbyterian Church Financial Statement October 31, 2016		
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		\$524,703
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$558,772
Unfavorable	(Y.T.D.)	- \$34,069



WELCOME TO
ELFINWILD
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

*We offer a warm welcome to every worshipper,
and a way to serve for all who are willing.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR
THE LORD'S DAY
November 20, 2016
8:30 and 11:10 AM Worship

*You are invited to use Scripture for reflection
or the following prayer as you prepare your hearts for worship.*

“When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land He has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God. You may say to yourself, ‘My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.’ But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth.” Deuteronomy 8:10-11, 17-18

PRELUDE

(8:30)	“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”	Bill Ingram Handbell Choir
(11:10)	“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”	L. Beethoven Elementary Choir

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Please sign the blue Friendship Pad in the pew near the center aisle.

INTROIT

(8:30) "Give Me Jesus" Keith Wilbanks
Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 24:1; 72:18-19; 100:4-5

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and everything in it. The world, and all who live in it.
People: Praise be to the Lord God, Who alone does marvelous deeds. Praise be to His glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with His glory.
Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.
People: For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 559 "We Gather Together"

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

(11:10)
SUNDAY SCHOOL SONG AND MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

(11:10)
THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Words of Introduction
Questions to the Parents – Michael and Nicole (Roderick) Ferketic
Questions to the Congregation
Presentation of Gifts
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Baptism of Elena Jane Ferketic
Song (See Insert) "Baptismal Song"

CALL TO CONFESSION Hebrews 4:14-16

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION Psalm 51:1-3, 10-12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For You know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Hebrews 9:13-15

Leader: Friends, receive and believe the Good News of the Gospel.
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end,
Amen.**

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:30) "Tune Our Hearts to Sing" Mary McDonald
Chancel Choir

(11:10) "African Psalm" Patrick M. Liebergen
Elementary & Youth Choirs
Bethany Harbaugh, Flute

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

STEPHEN MINISTRY INTRODUCTION Ruthie Riethmuller

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever, Amen.**

(8:30)
ANTHEM "Love Unmeasured, Love of God" Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir
Sarah Lavelle, Violin

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Samuel 16-18; 24; 31; 2 Samuel 6; 22;
1 Chronicles 17; Psalm 59
(page 269 in the pew Bible)
(Next week's reading –2 Samuel 11-12; 18-19; 1 Chronicles 22; 29; Psalms 23; 32; 51)

SERMON "From Shepherd to King" Dr. Dirk Lesnett

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 554 "Let All Things Now Living"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Come, You Thankful People, Come" Gerald Peterson
*Special thanks to our liturgist:
11:10 –Tori Panza*
The Elder of the Week is Kyle Pinta

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS: TIME, TALENT
AND TREASURE**

"The world asks, 'What does a person own?'" God asks, "How does a person use what he or she has been given?"

Rev. Jason Rea, adult leaders and the following Sr. High students are away this weekend at Laurelville. Please remember them in your prayers.

Camden Callahan	Noah Heere
Shane Callahan	Kara Jans
Ryan Dayton	Luke Kutzer
Elizabeth Dolan	Katie Shideler
Josh Gaydos	Bridget Stack
	Ryan Tegtmeier

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 11-20-16

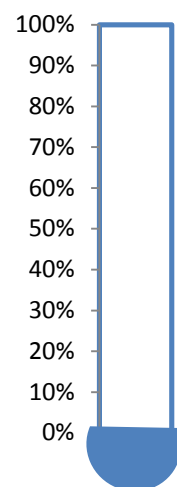
FINANCIAL ESTIMATES FOR 2017

It is important that we have as accurate a picture of our 2017 financial commitments as possible so we can budget and plan accordingly.

Please be prayerful about your Estimate of Giving for 2017 and turn in your cards as early as possible. Your giving will provide opportunities for our students to serve in mission, discipleship classes and small groups for our children and adults, outreach to our communities and a people who are welcoming and caring for those lost and in need of the Savior.

Thank you!

2017 STEWARDSHIP GOAL - \$674,000.00



TODAY (11-20-16) 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Service – SA
 9:45 AM – Sunday School
 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Operation Christmas Child – FH
 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM – Cantata Rehearsal – Tenors/Basses – CR
 2:00 PM – Sr. Highs return from Laurelville
 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH
 6:00 PM – New Officer Training – CCR

MONDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE, UGR
 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Operation Christmas Child – FH
 5:00 PM – Brownies – PR
 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Act One – CE
 7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – FH
 7:00 PM – Webelos I – PR

TUESDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE, UGR
 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL
 6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose
 7:00 PM – AARP Board Meeting – FH
 7:00 PM – Music Practice – All Groups – SA
 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Financial Peace – YH

WEDNESDAY 7:30 PM – Ecumenical Service at Bethlehem Lutheran

THURSDAY Thanksgiving – Office Closed

FRIDAY Office Closed
 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Black Friday Babysitting – PR, TR
 6:00 PM – Birthday Party – YH

SATURDAY 6:00 AM – 8:00 AM – CLC – YH
 9:00 AM – Advent Celebration Set-Up
 10:00 AM – Deacons’ Meeting and Decorate – SA
 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM – Birthday Party – FrH

SUNDAY (11-27-16) 8:30 AM – Advent Outreach Breakfast – FH
 10:00 AM – Worship Service – SA
 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM – Advent Community Outreach – FH, CE
 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH
 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Club – YH

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in memory of Jim King by Lora and Family.

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Kyle Pinta.

HEARING ENHANCING EQUIPMENT: If you have difficulty hearing during the worship service, please let one of the ushers know prior to the service, and you’ll be given a hearing enhancer to use during the service.

8:30 AM USHERS

Pau Braddock
 Max Smith
 Kim Szymoniak
 Bob Szymoniak
 Ron Tiedeman

11:10 AM USHERS

Mel Stoker
 Jennifer Muszynski
 Patti Zahnhausen
 Dorothy Thompson

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:30 AM – Jim Saraceno
 11:10 AM – Mike Dolan

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday, November 27, 2016
 Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRY

Birth – 6th Grade

For more information on these ministries, please contact Emily Cooper, Director of Children and Family Ministries at: emily@elfinwildchurch.org or call 412-486-5400

1. CRADLE ROLL ROOM FOR AGES BIRTH THROUGH

2 1/2. The Cradle Roll room is located past the church offices and choir room. The **TODDLER/PRESCHOOL ROOM** is open during the Sunday School time and the 11:10 worship hour. This is a class for children who are 2 1/2 to 4yrs. of age.

2. SUNDAY SCHOOL –Children 4 years old (Pre-K) through 2nd grade will meet in the GREEN room of the C.E. for Kids of the Kingdom Music to start class at 9:45. Children in 3rd grade through 5th will meet in their classrooms.

3. YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP – For ages Pre-K through 2nd grade during the 11:10 service. This week’s lesson will be *David’s Story* and will be taught by Sue Anderson, Donna Rea Thompson and Carolyn Hervey.

4. CALLING ALL KIDS—GRADES 3-5! M&MS: MESSIAH & ME YOUTH GROUP Get ready for a year of fun, games, growing and serving in Jesus Christ. Our next meeting will be December 7th at 6:30 PM in Friendship Hall. Please join us!

5. THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COMMITTEE is asking for donations for the Advent Celebration. We would love to have some evergreen branches donated for the Advent Wreath making at the church on November 27th. Please drop them off in the grass against the church building by the Mt. Royal mini parking lot the weekend before the celebration or on the stage that morning. We are seeking volunteers for set-up, clean-up and to be part of the live nativity. Please contact the church office or Emily Cooper. Thank you!

MUSIC MINISTRIES

For more information on these ministries, please contact Ron Bernhardt at: ron@elfinwildchurch.org or call 412-486-5400.

6. JOIN US! – You are invited to join our music ministry ensembles. Everyone is welcome so please come out to a rehearsal and give it a try!

Praise Team – Tuesdays 6-7:30 PM **Handbell Choir** – Wednesdays 6-7:00 PM
Chancel Choir – Wednesdays 7-8:30 PM **Youth Choir** – Thursday, 7:15-8:30 PM
Elementary Choir – Thursdays 6-7:00 PM

Please use this form to register for church events. After filling it out, you may tear it off and place into the offering plate. Thank you!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Event: _____

Number of Registrants: Adults _____ Children _____

7. CHRISTMAS CANTATA – Rehearsals have begun for this year’s Christmas Cantata, but it’s not too late to sign up! We will be offering Joel Raney’s “Love Came Down at Christmas” on Sunday, December 18th at the 11:10 service. Rehearsals are being held on Sunday’s from 1pm-2:30 PM. I hope you’ll join us!

8. YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY FUNDRAISER – Have you seen the shirts the Youth Choir wears for their end of the year performances? Have you ever wondered where you could buy a shirt like theirs? For the next three weeks in the Upper Gathering Room, orders will be taken for the same t-shirts which will benefit the Youth Music program. Youth sizes are \$10 and regular adult sizes are \$12. As believers we are called to actively spread the word of God’s love and desire to make a positive difference in the world. Psalm 96:3 states, “Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples.” Actively show your devotion to God by wearing your life on the “outside” just like our Youth Choir members do.

STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12

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Rev. Jason Rea at: jason@elfinwildchurch.org or call 412-486-5400.*

9. REGULAR CLUBS – Jr. High (grades 6-8) will meet tonight from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Youth House. The Sr. Highs will not meet tonight as they are returning from Laurelville. We hope to see you there!

10. JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS’ BIBLE STUDY – Please join Bethany Harbaugh and Kelly Simile for a Bible Study for girls going into 6-8 grade! We meet every week to play games, ask questions, share life together, and learn how to live as followers of Jesus Christ. We always have a fun time together, so we hope you will come and bring a friend. This study will be on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 PM at Bethany’s house. We hope you will come and bring a friend!

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

11. CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS – It’s time to order your Christmas Poinsettias! Please use the special white envelopes in the pews. Plants are \$12.00 each and checks should be made payable to Elfinwild Presbyterian Church. Monday, December 1st is the last day to order. Any orders received after that date will be applied evenly to the Bread of Life Food Pantry and North Hills Community Outreach.

12. 2017 CHANCEL FLOWERS – Flowers for the Chancel are \$48 per week for two vases, or \$25 per week for a single table arrangement. Please call the church office to place an order or sign up on the flower chart in the back narthex. **If a table arrangement is desired, you MUST notify the church office prior to the week you have chosen** as the weekly standing flower order is for two vases.

13. PRAY WITHOUT CEASING... Our Wednesday Night Prayer Gatherings will continue in the chapel on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, **starting at 7:00 PM.** We meet regularly to lift up concerns within the church family and for friends of Elfinwild. Please come and share in this powerful ministry! Everyone is welcome to come and join us in prayer or come to submit a prayer request. If you have any questions or would like to request prayer, please call or text Kris Shideler at 412-480-8466.

14. ELFINWILD HOME MEALS MINISTRY –The Meals Ministry serves over 70 clients each day with nutritious, well-balanced meals. Volunteers are needed for this important ministry everyday either to assist in the delivery of the meals to our clients or to assist in the preparation of the meals. If you have any

time during the hours of 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM to assist, please contact Marian Berberich at 412-486-8000.

15. BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY – The Bread of Life Food Pantry is located at Calvert Memorial Presbyterian Church in Etna, PA. The pantry is open the first three Wednesdays of each month - with stocking of the shelves the 1st three Tuesdays. Volunteers are always welcome to assist with stocking, sorting and assisting our clients with shopping. Bread of Life serves over 120 families each month. If you or any group to which you belong are interested in the outreach ministry of Calvert (supported by Elfinwild and our neighboring churches at Glenshaw, Parkwood, Fox Chapel and Glenshaw Valley), please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Vickey Trader at 412-782-5742 for more information. Items the Pantry is in need of are: Side dishes with noodles (no rice), Side dishes with potatoes, Jelly - any flavor, Canned whole potatoes, Boxed meals like Hamburger Helper, Boxed mac & cheese, Jars of spaghetti sauce, Canned chili or stew, Broth & gravy - chicken, turkey & beef, Large bottles of juice, Pudding & Jello premade or to be made, Cake & brownie mixes, Pancake mix & syrup, Bags of flour & sugar, Cooking oil, Boxes of Crackers, Salad dressing & ketchup, Napkins & tissues, Paper towels, and Baby diapers.

16. NURSERY HELP WANTED: We are looking for some extra coverage for the 8:30 service. Please contact Emily Cooper for more information if you are willing to help care for the smallest of our congregation.

17. AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRL NEW TROOP FORMING – Elfinwild Church is starting a new American Heritage Girls troop. The troop is open to girls ages 5-18. Please feel free to contact Pam McKern with any questions at: pamela_mckern@hotmail.com or 412-512-3461.

18. SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – September through May

* The Story taught by Dr. Dirk Lesnett (Fellowship Hall)

* “The Wired Word” taught by Mike Radich in the Fall (Cornerstone Room)

Thursday Evening Classes-

January 5 through January 26 (4 weeks)

1. “Elfinwild Unplugged: Telling our Stories” taught by Reverend Jason Rea and Mark Connelly (Fellowship Hall)
2. Bible Study on 1 John taught by Bob Siar and Bob Wegner (Cornerstone Room)

19. COMING TO THEATERS FOR ONE INSPIRING NIGHT

It’s the story that shook the world ... and challenged the faith of those who lived through it. Now, the amazing true story of how Samaritan’s Purse staff trusted God in the midst of the devastating Ebola crisis in Africa is coming to theaters for one night. Plan now to see **FACING DARKNESS** on Thursday, March 30th only. **Tickets Are Now Available!** You can find a preliminary list of theaters and tickets can be purchased online from participating theaters at facingdarknessmovie.com. Don’t miss out on the ministry movie event of the year.

20. THANK YOU FOR PACKING SHOEBOXES THIS YEAR! By packing a shoebox, you don’t just send gifts to children in need. You equip local pastors around the world with tools to tell others about God’s plan of salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ. Please join us in praying for the boys and girls who will receive your shoeboxes and for those who will go on to enroll in Samaritan’s Purse’s follow-up discipleship program, *The Greatest Journey*. To learn more about how the Lord is using this dynamic, 12-week Bible study to touch the hearts of children around the world, visit samaritanpurse.org/tgj.

21. SEVERAL TRACTOR TRAILER TRUCKS will be parked in the Church Avenue parking lot for the next two weeks as we are the regional drop off location for Operation Christmas Child. Please be patient with the lack of parking and the congestion the trucks will create. Thank you!

22. COFFEE, TREATS AND FELLOWSHIP

We gather after the 8:30 a.m. Worship Service and before Sunday School Classes start. Volunteers prepare and serve coffee, juice and treats. Would you like to volunteer? Contact: Tessa Connelly, connthree07@gmail.com (724) 939-7665.

23. HOSPITALITY MEAL MINISTRY – Did you know that members of your Elfinwild Family will provide a meal for you and your family if you are in need? For example, perhaps you or a family member are recovering from surgery, just had a baby or are too ill to prepare dinner for a few days. We sign up and deliver meals to you. Do you need a meal? Would you like to prepare and deliver a meal? Contact: Tessa Connelly, connthree07@gmail.com (724) 939-7665.

24. WOMEN'S ADVENT REFLECTION – Please join us on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 7:00 PM for “*Gingerbread Wishes*”. God made each of us different so that we can serve the Lord in a unique way. “I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” Psalm 139:14.

25. A BAKE SALE/CHINESE AUCTION will be held on December 3, 2016 from 8 AM to 2 PM in Fellowship Hall. This will help offset the medical bills for Caiden McCaffrey, five year old grandson of Harold and Cheryl McCaffrey. Caiden underwent a kidney transplant on November 8th and is doing well. Donations of baked goods and Chinese auction items would be appreciated. Please contact Cheryl McCaffrey about donations or questions at 412-782-4495. Thank you.

26. THE PRESBYTERIAN PROJECT, A group of local churches including; Elfinwild, Fox Chapel, Glenshaw, Hiland, John McMillan and Parkwood, are planning a mission trip to the Carolinas the week of January 15-21, 2017. There has been significant damage to homes along the East coast, but we will focus our efforts in the Carolinas to try to keep the destination within a reasonable driving distance. The cost of the trip is estimated at \$400/person at this time, but more details will follow, keep checking back!! We do have scholarship money available if you would like to experience this type of mission work. Please think and pray about it!! If you have any questions or are interested please contact Penny Young at (412) 767-4325 or youngp@fcpc.us.

COMMUNITY NEWS

27. ATTENTION SENIORS – The Senior Center North located at Nativity Lutheran Church in Allison Park is looking for seniors to come out and join other seniors looking for fun and companionship Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Come enjoy bingo, crafts, Wii bowling, cards, trips to the grocery store and mall and lunch for a \$1.00 donation. Have a cup of coffee and good conversation. Please call Meg at 412-486-6426 for more information. Hope to see you soon!

28. ELFINWILD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY is in need of new members. If you’re looking for a way to give something back to the community, this is a great opportunity! All training and equipment are provided either in-house or through local fire academies and schools. By making a commitment to the fire service, you can earn a FREE college degree through the FireVest program of the Community College of Allegheny County. For degrees offered or for more details, call 412-931-3158, ext. 5. Stop by the fire hall at 2807 Mt. Royal Blvd. on any Monday evening at 7:30 PM or call Dan at 412-377-5986.